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REMARKS

Claims 1, 13-15, 17, 19-21, 24-27, 34-36, and 40-42 have been allowed. Claims

13, 26, and 34 are amended above, and Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be

entered. This \*\*Supplemental\*\* submission is provided to underline claim language that has

been added to claim 34.

Amendments to the Claims

In their dependent form, claims 13, 26, and 34 could be interpreted to be directed

to both a method (as recited in the respective independent claims) and an article of manufacture.

As such, Applicants have amended each of claims 13, 26, and 34 into independent claims that

are more clearly directed to only one statutory class, i.e., an article of manufacture. Applicants

respectfully submit that without these amendments claims 13, 26, and 34 might not be valid and

that these amendments are necessary for the proper protection of the claimed invention.

No additional search is required as the amendments merely incorporate subject

matter that was already indicated to be allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-listed proposed amendments be

entered. As indicated, said claims are necessary for proper disclosure and protection of the

invention. In addition, it is believed that the amendments require no substantial amount of

additional work on the part of the Office If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of

this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned - 816-474-6550 or

adobrien@shb.com (such communication via email is herein expressly granted) - to resolve the

same. Fees have been submitted herewith in connection with the filing of additional independent

claims. It is believed that no other fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized

to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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